

Osceola, Nebraska
January 7, 2020

Pursuant to notice given in the minutes of the meeting of December 24th, 2019 and published in the January 2nd, 2020 issue of the Polk County News, the Board of County Commissioners convened at 9:30 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Chairman Westring informed those in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the Commissioner's room.

Claims were audited and a motion was made by Westring that claims be allowed and warrants drawn against the various funds in the amounts listed below. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boss, aye; Boruch, aye.

GENERAL FUND

General Fund	Salaries	\$58,730.55
Allied 100	Supplies	\$2,484.00
Annie Jeffrey Health Center	Service	\$118.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$12,788.70
Coral R. Boden	Retirement	\$120.00
Bryan Medical Center	Supplies	\$25.00
Marilyn K Buhl	Retirement	\$36.00
Shelia Cermak	Reimbursement	\$221.97
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$283.28
Dept. Correctional SVCS	Service	\$319.22
Eagle Broadband, Inc.	Service	\$54.95
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$260.98
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Co.	Life Insurance	\$169.10
Gary's Plumbing LLC	Supplies	\$16.57
Debra S. Girard	Supplies	\$13.43
Holiday Inn	Lodging	\$1,429.35
IAAO	Dues	\$200.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies	\$120.89
Johansen Repair	Service	\$96.00
Dwaine W Ladwig	Service	\$100.00
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$549.75
MARC	Supplies	\$478.60
Timothy P. Matas	Service	\$720.42
Mid-States Organized Crime Information	Dues	\$100.00
ML Smith Law Office	Service	\$76.00
Myron Corp.	Supplies	\$146.16
Nationwide	Bond	\$100.00
NE Public Health Environmental Lab	Service	\$105.00
Office Depot Business Credit	Supplies	\$144.20
OfficeNet	Supplies	\$1,539.99
Osceola Food Mart	Supplies	\$158.35
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Supplies/Service	\$24.30
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Office Equipment	\$361.42
Pinnacle Bank Visa	Service	\$71.00
Polk County Court	Supplies	\$9.96
Polk County Extension Tax Account	Reimbursement	\$703.61
Polk County News LLC	Service	\$413.08
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Service	\$2,095.13
Polk County Sheriff	Court Cost	\$290.21
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$4,284.44
Prairie Creek Family Medicine	Service	\$310.00
Region V Service	Service	\$2,405.75
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$3,966.95
Jodie Roberts	Mileage	\$126.44
Shelby Auto Clinic	Service	\$58.31
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$22.98
SMPC, LLC	Supplies	\$159.40
Michelle Sterup	Service	\$74.24
Ruth N. Stromberg	Retirement	\$168.00
Barb Swanson	Reimbursement	\$13.09
Triple S Service	Service	\$110.00
Trouba Law Office, LLC	Fees	\$4,769.00
Michael Ulffers	Service	\$147.00
Verizon Wireless	Service	\$190.06
Watts Electric Company	Rent	\$600.00

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Fee	\$280.81
Darla Winslow	Reimbursement	\$409.85
Zee Medical Service	Supplies	\$17.90

ROAD FUND

Road Fund	Salaries	\$26,076.46
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Health Insurance	\$5,115.48
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	\$143.65
Blue River Power and Rental	Supplies	\$33.98
Carl's Skrap	Service	\$36.00
City of Osceola	Utilities	\$70.00
City of Stromsburg	Utilities	\$258.87
Del-Ray Quality Alt. & Starters	Supplies	\$35.64
Ericson Cash Hardware	Supplies	\$24.95
Curtis Ericson	Rent	\$360.00
Filter Care	Service	\$59.80
Friesen Chevrolet Inc.	Supplies/Service	\$211.71
Fort Dearborn Life Insurance	Life Insurance	\$82.40
Darrell D Gabel	Retirement	\$132.00
LeRoy Gerrard	Retirement	\$84.00
Matthew J Gustafson	Reimbursement	\$40.00
Hays Land Surveying, LLC	Surveyor	\$560.96
David Ienn	Retirement	\$84.00
Ingalls Parts & Service, Inc.	Supplies	\$15.00
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	Fees	\$24,866.25
LaQuinta	Lodging	\$219.90
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Fuel Tax	\$194.00
Osceola Implement & Supply Inc.	Supplies	\$95.68
Polk County Rural Public Power Dist.	Utilities	\$272.97
Polk County Tax Deposit Account	Social Security	\$1,956.03
Power Plan	Parts/Labor	\$4,351.05
Rally Auto Parts	Parts/Supplies/Grease Oil	\$707.85
Retirement Plans Division Ameritas	Retirement	\$1,706.18
Thomas L Rodene	Retirement	\$84.00
Shelby Lumber Co. Inc.	Supplies	\$31.95
Charles Soll	Rent	\$360.00
David Udey	Retirement	\$96.00
Mark S Udey	Retirement	\$60.00
Village of Shelby	Utilities	\$91.63
Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$175.40
Zee Medical Service	Supplies	\$183.15

SENIOR SERVICES FUND

City of Stromsburg	Rent	\$982.28
Eagle Broad Band	Service	\$291.00
Good Samaritan Society-Osceola	Service	\$225.00
STR, LLC	Rent	\$200.00

INHERITANCE TAX FUND

DAS State Accounting-Central Finance	Service	\$670.00
MIPS	Computer Expense	\$471.30

911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND

Windstream Nebraska Inc.	Service	\$253.57
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WEED FUND

City of Osceola	Utilities	\$76.48
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Fuels	\$32.81
Polk County Rural Public Power	Utilities	\$48.29

The following fees for the month of December were earned by the various offices and submitted to the County Treasurer. County Treasurer receipts show fees earned were credited to the appropriate county funds.

Dwaine W. Ladwig, Sheriff

\$1,248.49

The County Jail Report for the month of December was reviewed by the Board and approved.

A supplement to the interlocal agreement between the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Division and Polk County was reviewed. The proposed supplement provides that Polk County will fund 40% of the total costs of the salary and benefits for an Extension Assistant until such time as an Extension Educator is hired and trained. A motion was made by Boruch to approve the supplement to the interlocal agreement as presented and to authorize the Chairman to sign the said supplement. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

The process required to maintain the county surveyor position as an elective office was discussed. According to Nebraska Revised Statute 32-525, a hearing must be held and a resolution adopted prior to February 1, 2020 to continue to elect the county surveyor. The Board set January 28th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. as the date and time for a hearing to be held on the matter.

At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Boruch to go into executive session to discuss an application for general assistance. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. Also present were the applicant and the County Clerk. At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made by Boss to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, aye. Chairman Westring stated for the record that no formal action was taken and that only general assistance issues were discussed. A motion was made by Boruch to give the applicant rental assistance, provided the Clerk is given documentation of the amount owed. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye.

At 10:15, Westring left the meeting prior to the review of the applications received for the zoning administrator position.

The two applications received for the position of zoning administrator were reviewed by Commissioners Boruch and Boss.

Chairman Westring returned to the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Boss to appoint Jerry Westring as Zoning Administrator. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Boss, aye; Boruch, aye; Westring, abstained. Motion carried. It is noted for the record that a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement accompanied Westring's application and has also been filed with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission.

Cody Wickman with D.A. Davidson met with the Board to discuss options for financing the Polk North Overlay project. Projections to pay off bonds over five, ten, and fifteen years were presented. A motion was made by Westring to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance of Not to Exceed \$4,500,000 of Limited Tax County Road Bonds. The motion was seconded by Boruch and the roll call vote was Westring, aye; Boruch, aye; Boss, aye. The exact amount and length of the bond issue will be determined at a later date.

Supt. Theis also updated the Board on the work being done in the Road Dept. The warning signs partially funded thru the NIRMA ASSIST program have been ordered and additional information has been sent to FEMA to clarify data previously submitted. The Notice to Bidders for the Polk North Overlay Project will be printed in the next two issues of the Polk County News and the bids opened on January 21st.

Weed Supt. Carlson updated the Board on the activities of the Weed Dept. A motion was made by Boruch authorizing the Chairman to sign the Activity Report, the Noxious Weed Infestation Report, the Noxious Weed Control Plan, the Budget Report, and the Nebraska Invasive Plant Watch List Infestation Report as presented by Weed Supt. Carlson. The motion was seconded by Boss and the roll call vote was Boruch, aye; Boss, aye; Westring, aye. There was a slight increase in the number of infested acres, mainly due to the discovery of phragmites in the upland areas. Approximately 3 ½% of the county's acres contain some level of infestation which is comparable to the Nebraska state average of 3%. Supt. Carlson was notified that he has successfully passed his certification exam.

